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Applicant: Kaare M. Gautvik et al.

Title: PRODUCTION OF HUMAN
PARATHYROID HORMONE FROM
MICROORGANISMS

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 27, 2001 in which the Examiner has restricted the above-identified application and thus requires that the Applicant elect one of the distinct group of claims for examination as follows:

Group I: Claims 21-23 and 30-33, drawn to a composition comprising a recombinant hPTH with a K26Q mutation; and

Group II: Claims 24-29 and 34-37, drawn to a wild-type recombinant hPTH.

Applicant hereby elects Group II, Claims 24-29 and 34-37, drawn to a wild-type recombinant hPTH for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant also reserves the right to file divisional applications on all non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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